

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the Application. Claims 1, 10 and 19 are independent claims. Claims 19 and 20 are added by this amendment.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-18 have been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. By these amendments, claims 1-18 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents.

The specification is amended herein to remove references to particular claims contained within the description of the present

system. No new matter is added and entrance of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 11 are objected to for informalities in that "the ability to distribute" should be "an ability to distribute ..." Claims 2 and 11 are amended herein to cure this problem. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2 and 11 are in proper form and it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-18 are objected to for containing reference numbers that refer to the drawings. With the amendment discussed above, the drawing reference numerals are removed from the claims so withdrawal of this objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) for including reference characters not mentioned in the description. An obvious typographic error is corrected in the specification wherein on page 7, line 22 "a storage device 202" was changed to "a storage device 203", such that the specification now properly refers to the storage device 203. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,787 to Anderson ("Anderson"). Claims 5-7 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Anderson in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0139312 to Medvinsky ("Medvinsky"). Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Anderson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,871,276 to Simon ("Simon"). Claims 8 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Anderson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,981,044 to Coez ("Coez"). Claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Anderson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,664,976 to Lofgren ("Lofgren").

Anderson shows an information flow control system that "allows a user in a more classified network 10 to run an application 56 on an information processor means (eg workstation 50) in the less classified network 12 while displaying the results of the session on the information processing means (workstation 38) in the more classified network 10." (See, FIG. 11 and the accompanying description in Col. 14, lines 5-11.) While the Office Action has interpreted the "more" and "less" classified networks as

corresponding to the high and low class number of the present system, this analogy is not correct. Anderson employs a data diode (see information switch means 20 and Col. 14, lines 20-23 and Col. 2, lines 53-59) which enables data to flow from the less classified network to the more classified network but not to flow from the more classified network to the less classified network (see, Col. 2, lines 53-59). Since the data diode only allows information to flow in one direction, there is no need or teaching to determine if one network is more or less classified. Anderson requires a proper configuring of the data diode to ensure a proper flow of information. A controller state machine is utilized to determine whether commands from the more classified network are displayed locally on the more classified network or are transferred to the less classified network (see, Col. 14, lines 48-67). As should be clear from the above, whether or not the receiving device is more or less classified is not determined by the distributing device.

The claims have been amended to clarify that "the class number is received by the distributing device to determine if the distributing device should transfer information to the receiving device. No new matter is added by this amendment since this was implicit in the prior claims which required "verifying, when

distribution of information is to be effected from the distributing device to the receiving device, the class number of the receiving device; and distributing information from the distributing device to the receiving device if the receiving device has a lower class number than the distributing device." Obviously to enable verifying the class number of the receiving device, the receiving device's class number must have been previously received.

It is respectfully submitted that the method of Claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Anderson. For example, Anderson does not disclose or suggest, a method that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "receiving at the distributing device the class number of the receiving device, verifying at the distributing device, when distribution of information is to be effected from the distributing device to the receiving device, the class number of the receiving device; and distributing information from the distributing device to the receiving device if the receiving device has a lower class number than the distributing device" as required by Claim 1, and as substantially required by Claim 10.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that the device of Claim 19 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Anderson.

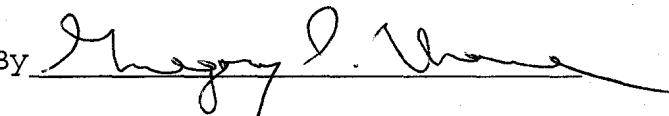
For example, Anderson does not disclose or suggest, a device that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "a processor operably coupled to the transceiver, wherein the processor is configured to: receive a class number of the receiving device and compare, when distribution of information is to be effected from the distributing device to the receiving device, the class number of the receiving device to a class number of the distributing device; and distribute information to the receiving device only based on if the receiving device has one of a lower or higher class number than the distributing device" as required by Claim 19. Medvinsky, Simon, Coez and Lofgren are cited for allegedly showing features of dependent claims and as such, do nothing to cure the deficiencies in Anderson.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 are patentable over Anderson and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20 respectively depend from one of Claims 1, 10, and 19 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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